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1. YOU SHOULD TELL SYG THAT WE DEVOTING MAJOR EFFORTS TO CARE OF REFUGEES IN INDOCHINA. AS HE KNOWS, USG CONCEN- TRATING ITS EFFORTS IN SVN TO ALLEVIATING TERRIBLE CONDITIONS AMONG REFUGEES CAUSED BY STEP-UP OF NORTHERN ATTACK. THIS EFFORT MUST NOW HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IN OUR ATTENTION AND WITH OUR FUNDS.

2. ANOTHER ASPECT OF REFUGEE PROBLEM ON WHICH WE PRESENTLY CONCENTRATING IS RESETTLEMENT OF CAMBODIANS WHO ARE OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY BUT CANNOT GO HOME FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL REPRISAL. WE ARE PLEASED NOTE THAT UNHCR WILLING TO HELP WITH RESETTLEMENT OF CAMBODIANS.

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3. RE SYG'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR UNHCR-UNICEF FOR UN RELIEF, WE WILL OF COURSE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST ALTHOUGH SYG WILL APPRECIATE THAT WE EXPECT THE MAJOR THRUST OF OUR EFFORT WILL BE AID ON A BILATERAL BASIS TO THE NON-COMMUNIST AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. WE BELIEVE

THIS IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY WE CAN HELP. AS TO THE PROSPECTIVE UN PROGRAMS, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT ASSURANCES THE UN HAS REGARDING CONTROLS WHICH UN WOULD BE ABLE TO EXERCISE OVER RELIEF GIVEN IN COMMUNIST-HELD TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY MEANS USED TO INSURE THAT RELIEF GOODS ARE NOT DIVERTED TO DRVN MILITARY PLUS RELIABILITY OF THESE ASSURANCES. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO KNOW WHAT ARE UN'S PLANS FOR SUPERVISION OF DISTRIBUTION OF FOODS, MEDICINES, ETC.? HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED AND WHERE? DOES UN HAVE ASSURANCES THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES WILL AGREE TO UN'S PLAN? WHAT HAS EXPERIENCE BEEN TO DATE WITH RELIEF IN COMMUNIST-HELD AREAS?

4. REQUEST USUN ALSO POSE SAME QUESTIONS TO JACKSON.

5. FYI: AS NOTED ABOVE, WE INTEND TO CONCENTRATE ON BILATERAL RELIEF IN SVN AND CAMBODIA. IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL SUPPORT UNICEF-UNHCR PROGRAMS IN COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS EVEN IN EVENT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED ABOVE ARE SATISFACTORY. KISSINGER

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